



THE ASSAM RIFLES



GUARDING THE INDO-MYANMAR BORDER



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FOREVER IN OPERATIONS



भारत गणराज्य
PRESIDENT
REPUBLIC OF INDIA

MESSAGE

I am happy to learn that the Assam Rifles is celebrating its 181st Anniversary on March 24, 2016.

Assam Rifles has an illustrious and distinguished tradition of service to the people of the North East. The Force has an enviable record both in war and peace. It epitomizes valour, fortitude, duty, honour and self sacrifice. While performing tasks in sensitive areas of the North Eastern Region, Assam Rifles has not only carried out its duties with exemplary courage but also endeared itself to local people through a humane approach and efforts aimed at nation building.

I am confident the Assam Rifles will always be ready to fulfill all tasks assigned to it with efficiency and valour.

On the 181st Anniversary of the Assam Rifles, I extend my greetings and good wishes to the soldiers and families of this magnificent Force. I wish the Assam Rifles continued success in all its future endeavours.

Pranab
(Pranab Mukherjee)



प्रधान मंत्री
Prime Minister

MESSAGE

I am happy to learn that the Assam Rifles is celebrating its 181st anniversary on March 24, 2016.

India's history is replete with accounts of the gallantry and valour of the officers and men of the Assam Rifles. I am sure, the Force will continue to excel in the tasks assigned to it, in the years ahead.

On this occasion, I extend my best wishes and felicitations to all ranks of the Assam Rifles.

(Narendra Modi)
(Narendra Modi)



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RAJNATH SINGH

MESSAGE

I am delighted to learn that the Assam Rifles is celebrating its 181st Anniversary on 24th March 2016.

Hailed as 'Friends of the North East People' and 'Sentinels of the North East' the Assam Rifles has rendered valuable service to the Country by guarding our North Eastern frontiers, maintaining internal security and tirelessly contributing towards peace and development of the North Eastern States of our country. Their contribution to the peace and prosperity of the Region is commendable.

Over the years, the valiant soldiers of Assam Rifles have made numerous sacrifices while operating in hostile terrain and inclement weather of the North-East. We are proud of them and appreciate their role in serving tirelessly in the remote areas of our country.

On this occasion, I extend my greetings and felicitations to all the Officers and their families and wish the Assam Rifles great success and a bright future.

(Rajnath Singh)
(Rajnath Singh)



युद्ध मंत्री
भारत
MINISTER OF DEFENCE
INDIA

MESSAGE

I am pleased to learn that the Assam Rifles is celebrating its 181st Anniversary on 24th Mar, 2016.

The Assam Rifles has an enviable record of 181 years of distinguished service to the cause of peace and preservation of law and order in the North Eastern Region. It has lived up to its traditional name of 'Friends of the North East People'. The Force has performed its role in a manner befitting its rich history and glorious past. The Assam Rifles has also made supreme sacrifices along with the Indian Army in the two World Wars, the Indo-China Conflict, the Indo Pak wars and Operation Pawan. Besides, they have successfully conducted Counter Insurgency operations in J&K and the North Eastern States over the years. I am sanguine that the Force possesses adequate capability to rise to the occasion whenever called upon to serve the Nation, to meet bigger challenges with its traditional valour and efficiency.

On the 181st Anniversary of their Raising, I convey my best wishes to All Ranks of the Force and I am confident that Assam Rifles shall continue to do their assigned tasks in an exemplary manner.

'Jai Hind'
(Manohar Parrikar)



गृह राज्य मंत्री
भारत सरकार
MINISTER OF STATE FOR
HOME AFFAIRS
GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
किरेन रिजिजू
KIREN RIJIJU

MESSAGE

It gives me great pleasure to learn that the Assam Rifles is celebrating its 181st Anniversary on 24th March, 2016.

The Assam Rifles, since its raising as the 'Cacher Levy' in 1835, has been pivotal in implementation of the National Policy in the North East. The Force has defended the Nation, alongside the Indian Army in all major wars, both pre and post-independence and has been discharging their assigned duties in an exemplary manner both in Counter Insurgency operations and Management of the Indo-Myanmar border. The indomitable spirit, humane approach and dedication of the Assam Rifles soldiers, has resulted in containing insurgency, with a healing touch, to the populace of the North East, who fondly call the Assam Rifles the 'Friends of the North East People'.

On its 181st Anniversary, I extend my greetings and good wishes to All Ranks of the Assam Rifles and their families. I am confident that they will continue to discharge their duties with courage, dedication and devotion. I wish them success in all their endeavours.

(Kiren Rijiju)
(Kiren Rijiju)



GOVERNOR OF
MEGHALAYA

MESSAGE

I am pleased to learn that the Assam Rifles is celebrating its 181st Anniversary on 24th March, 2016.

The Assam Rifles, with 181 years of cherished and distinguished service to the Nation, particularly to the people of the North East Region has been discharging its duties in an exemplary manner both in combating insurgency and guarding the Indo-Myanmar border. This can be attributed to the fact that they identify themselves with the people and their culture. The high standard of discipline and *esprit-de-corps* displayed by the Assam Rifles is worth emulating by any Force.

On its 181st Anniversary, I extend my greetings and good wishes to All Ranks of the Assam Rifles and their families. I am confident that they will continue to discharge their duties with courage, dedication and devotion. I wish them success in all their endeavours.

(V. Shanmuganathan)
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CHIEF MINISTER
OF MEGHALAYA

MESSAGE

It is heartening to know that the Assam Rifles is celebrating its 181st Raising Day on 24th March 2016. I extend my heartfelt compliments and greetings to all ranks of Assam Rifles and their families on the occasion.

Assam Rifles since its inception have been the custodian of law and order in the North East States of India. Apart from guarding the Indo-Myanmar border, Assam Rifles have earned the title of "Sentinel of the North East" and "Friends of the Hill People" through their friendly and progressive approach towards the local populace.

I am sure that the Assam Rifles will continue to contribute to the unity, prosperity and peace of our nation with selfless devotion and dedication in the coming years.

(Dr Mukul Sangma)
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BRIEF HISTORY OF ASSAM RIFLES

1. Raised as 'Cacher Levy' in 1835, the Assam Rifles is the Oldest Central Para Military Force in India. The Force was raised by the Britishers, primarily to guard the alluvial plains of Assam from the wild and unruly tribes inhabiting the surrounding hill tracts.
2. Historically, Assam came under British rule after the conclusion of Anglo-Burmese War i.e. 1826. Prosperity of the Region witnessed new settlements coming up in different places, offering attractive targets for trans-border forays of the tribals, thus posing a serious threat to the British Industries and Plantations in Assam. In order to negate the threat posed by the tribals to Tea Gardens, it was decided to raise a 'Militia' body as a separate Force under the Government and this new organization, the 'Cacher Levy' (re-christened Assam Rifles in 1917) was raised. On inception, it was essentially a Civil Force and merely acted as a strong arm of the Local Administration. Gradually, as the 'Forward Policy' was adopted by the British Government, the task of the 'Militia' changed from mainly 'Defensive' to 'Positive Offensive', involving expeditions in expanding the British domain in not only Assam but also in the tribal areas of the North East Region.
3. Over the years, the Assam Rifles Units went through changes in roles, which also brought in changes in nomenclature and character of the Force. Gradually additional Units were raised and employed for establishing posts in the interiors and remote areas for extending the authority of the Britishers. The Force also assisted in opening up these inaccessible and isolated areas and in undertaking developmental activities, earning many accolades from the Administration.

4. The Assam Rifles has a rare distinction of having participated in WW I in Europe and Middle East, WW II in Burma, Indo China War of 1962, Indo-Pak War of 1971, Counter Insurgency Operations in Sri Lanka, J&K and the entire North Eastern States of India, as also in UN Mission in Haiti. As of today, the Force has 46 Battalions and undertakes the dual role of maintaining internal security in the North-Eastern Region and guarding the Indo-Myanmar Border. The Force is recognized as the 'Sentinels of the North East', due to the complexity and diversity of its operations. With vast operational experience attained over the years, and the professionalism displayed in the most challenging conditions in remote areas of North East including the Border Areas, the Force has carved a definite niche for itself as a premier and elite Para Military Force of the Nation.

5. The Assam Rifles contribution towards assimilation of the people of North-East into the National Mainstream is also truly monumental. Apart from excelling in operations, the Assam Rifles is also rendering a yeoman service to the Nation by involving itself intimately for the development of the Region in consonance with the aspirations of the locals, through numerous Civic Action Projects. Some of the projects which the Force has been undertaking in the past on regular basis include, development of infrastructure and provision of basic amenities like Water Supply Schemes, provision of Solar Street Lights and Lantern etc in the remote areas. In order to wean away the support to terrorists, Assam Rifles is also providing Vocational Training and Self Employment generation schemes like 'Bee Keeping', 'Mushroom Farming', Carpentry, Electricity etc for the Youth. An effort is also made by the Force to connect the young people of North Eastern Region to the Main Land by means of National Integration cum Educational Tours. In addition, the Assam Rifles is also promoting sports activities by conducting numerous Sports Tournaments, distribution of Sports Equipment and preparation of grounds.

Fondly called 'Friends of the Hill People', the Force is the highest awarded and decorated Para Military Force of the Republic of India.



CHIEF OF THE
ARMY STAFF

MESSAGE

On the occasion of the 181st Anniversary of the Assam Rifles on 24 Mar 2016, I convey my warm greetings to all ranks, veterans and families of the Force.

Throughout its long and cherished history, Assam Rifles has made immense contribution towards peace, stability and harmony in the country and abroad. The role of the Force in all major wars including World Wars and Wars post Independence has been most inspiring. The untiring efforts of Assam Rifles in combating Insurgency as also in border guarding has ushered in era of peace and tranquility in the region. Their integration with the Army while performing the assigned operational roles is an example worth emulating for any Force.

I am confident that in the years ahead the Assam Rifles will continue to uphold the great traditions and live up to their reputation of being "Friends of the North East People". I wish the Assam Rifles success in all its endeavours.

JAI HIND!

(Dalbir Singh)
General



Director General
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MESSAGE

On the auspicious occasion of the 181st Raising Anniversary of the Assam Rifles, I wish to compliment all ranks of this valiant Force for their patriotism, professionalism and devotion to duty.

The Force, since its inception has repeatedly demonstrated its credibility by executing difficult operations diligently, displaying a high degree of proficiency, alacrity and discipline. It has proved to be an epitome of courage and bravery in the extremely remote and inhospitable terrain of the North East. It has the distinction of being "Forever in Operations" being deployed on the Indo-Myanmar border and combating Insurgency in the North Eastern States. The Force has given an excellent account of its operational capability and indomitable spirit throughout its glorious history. I pay my tribute to the brave soldiers who made the supreme sacrifice of their lives in defending India's territorial integrity and in upholding the rule of law.

Fondly called, 'Friends of the North East people', the 'Assam Rifles' contribution towards assimilation of the people of North-East into the National mainstream is truly prodigious. The Force is rendering yeoman service in Nation Building by reaching out to the remotest areas and providing basic amenities including health care. The Force also facilitates training of the youth to generate self employment; promotes education and sports activities by providing aid to schools and youth organisations to wean away the people from terrorism. We have achieved a lot in the last year and yet we have a lot to cover. On this day I exhort every soldier to continue to serve the nation and people of the North East with vigour, sincerity & dedication.

On this day, I extend my warm greetings and best wishes to all Ranks, Civilians and Family Members of the Assam Rifles. May God grant us strength and fortitude to scale greater heights and bring laurels to the Force and the Nation. Jai Hind.

(HJS Sachdev)
Lieutenant General

Sentinels of the North East



Friends of the Hill People